

342 of logs covers nearly the whole of the room, except the dark corner  
 251 where, as among the Hill Marias, rests the *Hanal Kunda* or Pot of  
 [769] the Departed. The various grains are stored in bamboo bins or in  
 very large leaf-work *chiptis*. Other baskets contain dried mango  
 pulp, fresh mangoes, mango kernels whole or crushed, the mousy  
 smelling flowers of the *mahua* (*Bassia latifolia*), *mahua* seeds, and  
 the fresh or dried fruits of the tamarind (*Tamarindus indica*),  
*seona* (*Gmelina arborea*), *achar* (*Buchanania latifolia*), *tendu* (*Dio-*  
*spyros melanoxylon*), *siari* (elephant creeper, *Bauhinia vahlii*), the  
 various dwarf palms, and other trees. They store far more forest  
 produce than the Hill Marias, but less grain; their *penda* slopes are  
 far less extensive, and, as copper coin circulates freely among them,  
 • [43] they sell much more of their rice and garden produce. They do  
 not use the various forest yams nearly as much as the Hill Marias.

342 The *narma-lon* is a sleeping room for the women and small  
 [5/3] children, and household goods and utensils are kept there. In the  
*oser* is the cooking hearth, the *akhi* mortar holes in which grain is  
 husked with the large *musal* pestle, very similar in type to the  
 Hill Maria *uspal*, hen's nests, water-pots, leaves for plates, etc.  
 [273] If any of the intoxicating *landa* gruel is under brew, it is kept  
 usually in the cooler and darker *wijja-lon* or *narma-lon*. An interest-  
 [415] ing utensil seen in many Bison-horn houses is a spoon of brass, like  
 326 an English pipe with a straight stem, and an exact reproduction  
 in shape of the gourd ladles known in the hills as *paghas* and in  
 the plains as *orka*, described on page 66 above. This is called a  
*kal-burria* or 'wine-ladle' and is used for distributing liquor. It is  
 made by the Gharwa brass-workers by the *cire-perdue* process."

343 There are often side-sheds in which members of the family  
 sleep, or where goats or kine are tethered at night, and poultry roost.

422 The other contents of their houses are similar to those of the  
 Hill Maria houses, but they generally have more tools, weapons,  
 hunting-nets, clothes and jewellery, owing to their growing habit  
 of regular attendance at weekly bazaars and their greater readiness  
 to sell their produce.